# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:385
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PROCUREMENT OF COARSE GRAINS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the quantity of coarse-grains procured by the FCI during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the policy adopted by the FCI for distribution of coarse-grains through their outlets;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to distribute coarsegrain to poor consumers in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI PRADHAN )

(a): The quantity of coarsegrains procured, State-wise, by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the Kharif Marketing Seasor 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given below:-

(Figures in tones)

| State | Quantity procured by the FCI | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1998-1999 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 15 | 73 | 20451 |
| Karnataka | 53 | - | 12325 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1336 | - | - |
| Maharashtra | 283 | 89 | - |

(b): FCI does not undertake distribution of coarsegrains directly through the PublicDistribution System (PDS).However, the State Governments, which procure coarsegrains, distribute the same through their Public Distribution System.The surplus quantity is handed over to FCI for disposal.The FCI`s stocks, alongwith these stocks, are sold through opentender on `as is where is` basis. As and when a particular State requires coarsegrains for distribution under their PDS, the same is made available to the concerned State Governments depending upon availability of stocks with the FCI.

(c),(d)&(e): As per the information received from the States, there is no demand for coarsegrains under the PDS, except for a small quantity in Gujarat. Therefore, there is no proposal to distribute coarsegrains under the PDS at present.